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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, and with MPEP Section 609, the materials set forth on the enclosed PTO/SB/08a and 08b forms are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the non-U.S. documents are enclosed. Copies of the U.S. patent documents are not enclosed.

Each of the documents cited in the International Search Report, which was issued on October 22, 2004, is listed on one of the PTO/SB/08a or 08b forms.

EP 1 059 800 is in the English language. It also corresponds to U.S. 6,580,820.

DE 199 40 879 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

U.S. 5,384,859 is in the English language.

DE 101 32 589 corresponds to U.S. patent application publication No.

2004/0179724.

The publication by Tony Johnson is in the English language.

WO 98/39627 is in the English language. It is also the equivalent of U.S. patent No. 6.654,048.

U.S. patent No. 6,069,973 is in the English language.

JP 11-41478 corresponds to U.S. patent application publication No.

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The documents cited in the specification of the subject application, and not also set forth above, are also listed on the PTO/SB/08a form.

DE 196 13 082 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 6,111,261.

DE 102 34 086 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

DE 198 02 781 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

CH 684 222 corresponds to U.S. patent Nos. 5,503,262 and 5,522,491.

Various additional patent documents and publications were provided to the

undersigned by applicants' principal representatives in Germany without comment.

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- U.S. patent No. 6,516,078 is in the English language.
- U.S. application No. 2002/0039446 is in the English language.
- U.S. patent No. 5,602,938 is in the English language.

In a letter dated May 2, 2005, a copy of which is being filed with this application, the applicants' principal representatives in Germany brought several patent documents and several publications to the attention of the European Patent Office. These materials are listed on the PTO/SB/08a and 08b forms.

DE 41 36 461 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,256,883.

DE 200 10 920 does not appear to have an English language abstract or equivalent. It appears to show a printing machine that includes a camera or scanning device 16 which is located after four printing units and before a printed product removal device.

DE 203 03 574 does not appear to have an English language abstract or equivalent. It appears to show an inspection system for a printing machine.

The three publications set forth in that letter are discussed below.

The Lucht et al. document explains on page three in the last paragraph, also referring to footnote 2, that parallelizing of the image processing can be performed by means of powerful multi-processor systems, wherein the parallelization concept is track-oriented, i.e. a strip-shaped division of the material web and separate image processing takes place by means of associated computer techniques.

The Franke et al. document explains on page two under item three in the second

paragraph that this inspection system requires a lineup of several cameras.

The third document is a compilation of the results of the two documents above.

The Lohweg and Müller document was cited in the Written Notification, which is a part of the International Search Report mailed October 22, 2004. It describes two-dimensional spectral transforms for determining characteristics for image pattern detection.

Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, and their consideration by the Examiner, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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